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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON PRESERVA-
TION OF HISTORIC QUARTERS, TOWNS, AND SITES,
WARSAW, FEB. 9-18, 1976

1. CONFERENCE OPENED TODAY, FEBRUARY 9, BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR-
GENERAL FOBES WITH 40 MEMBER STATES, REPRESENTED BY 87
DELEGATES, AND 13 OBSERVERS, INCLUDING ALECSO, BUT NOT RPT
NOT PLO, PRESENT. COUNTRIES INCLUDE ALGERIA, EGYPT, IRAQ,
JORDAN, AND ISRAEL -- ALL REPRESENTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

2. AFTER OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES, WHICH INCLUDED BRIEF
WELCOMING SPEECHES BY POLISH VICE-PREMIER AND MINISTER OF
CULTURE JOZEF TEJCHMA AND PRESIDENT OF POLISH NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR UNESCO MRS. EUGENIA KRASSOWSKA, AND A LONGER
BUT VERY GOOD STATEMENT BY MR. FOBES, CONFERENCE ELECTED DR.
K. PAWLOWSKI, POLISH MINISTRY OF CULTURE, AS ITS PRESIDENT
AND FOLLOWING SIX VICE-PRESIDENTS: AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA,
IRAQ, NIGERIA, USA, AND USSR, PLUS MR. PARENT OF FRANCE AS
RAPPORTEUR. ABOVE EIGHT WILL CONSTITUTE THE BUREAU OF
THE CONFERENCE.

3. IN ADDITION, CONFERENCE ADOPTED, WITHOUT CHANGE, RULES
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OF PROCEDURE (DOC. SHC-76/CONF.206/2) AND ELECTED A

DRAFTING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR. BENNETT OF CANADA, AND COMPOSED OF EXPERTS FROM UK, JORDAN, SENEGAL, SWITZERLAND, BULGARIA, POLAND, AND SPAIN AS MEMBERS.

4. ABOVE SLATE OF CANDIDATES, PRESENTED AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH US DEL PLAYED ACTIVE PART, WAS ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONFERENCE HAS AGREED ON FOLLOWING TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE: GENERAL DEBATE TO BE CONCLUDED BY COB TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AFTER WHICH DISCUSSION, PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH, OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BEGIN. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF DR'S ARE: PARTS I AND II OF DOC. SHC/MD/30 1:00 P., FEBRUARY 10; PARTS III AND IV - 1:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 11; AND PARTS V AND VI - 6:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 11.

6. FOLLOWING PARTICIPATED IN GENERAL DEBATE TODAY: SENEGAL, NIGERIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BELGIUM, USSR, TOGO, AND GDR. ALL SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS, RESERVING RIGHTS TO MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS DURING DETAILED DISCUSSION. NO CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS WERE RAISED.

7. USDEL INTENDS MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE ON TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10, DRAWING UPON US COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED EARLIER TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT.

8. REPORTS WILL FOLLOW AS APPROPRIATE.
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